

My time with Mesopartner



When I am asked about my time at Mesopartner and why I am working as a Mesopartner, there are mainly four reasons which come to mind: 1) the professional work with a small and aligned team of partners, 2) the opportunity of deep international learning experiences, 3) the powerful spirit to discover new fields of expertise, and 4) the ability to work internationally and live in the countryside.

The team

We are a very diverse team of partners with very different characters, different perspectives on things, different backgrounds and different expertise. Especially because of these differences we complement each other so well and are able to exchange information from different viewpoints. When I started in 2004 I never expected that a team of such diverse characters could become a synergistic professional team and even finally friends. But it was especially the joint learnings and the diversity of perspectives that strengthened our joint philosophy of how we think about our work and how we want to act in this changing environment.

Diversity of learnings

When I started in Mesopartner I can remember how nervous I was when I had to submit my first report, had to provide my first training, had to give my first speech or lecture. All these aspects were the basis of my own personal and professional growth. I became a facilitator, a trainer, a teacher at the University, a consultant and a coach. I learned about project management aspects and also about the different economic realities in sectors, regions and socio-economic value systems. Although we at Mesopartner work always around the topic of territorial economic development, we finally deal with human systems and interactions, which is one of the most exciting work areas. This diversity in my work enriches me personally as well as professionally.

The motivation to discover new fields of expertise

For a positive learning environment I personally very much need a team around me, the members of which also push each other towards approaching new themes and make use of our collective learning. Challenging each other for further discoveries is an important aspect not only to stay competitive but also to keep oneself flexible.

Working in different realities, staying grounded in the home countryside

In Germany I moved back to my rural home village of Elte several years ago. Our work provides me with the opportunity to combine two worlds, living in the countryside and working in Germany and internationally. I feel it is a great privilege to have this flexibility and to learn about these different realities.

These are my four reasons why I am looking forward to the next decade of our Mesopartner work.

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